



## **BEARFACTS 1989 – 1999**

### **Benton , Iowa [19011]**

Benton is one of 99 counties in Iowa. It is part of the [Cedar Rapids, IA \(MSA\)](#). Its 1999 population of 25,214 ranked 24th in the state.

#### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 1999 Benton had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$23,318. This PCPI ranked 39th in the state and was 93 percent of the state average, \$25,118, and 83 percent of the national average, \$27,939. The 1999 PCPI reflected a decrease of 0.3 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 1.7 percent and the national change was 3.9 percent. In 1989 the PCPI of Benton was \$15,559 and ranked 50th in the state. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 4.1 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.2 percent and for the nation was 4.2 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 1999 Benton had a total personal income (TPI) of \$587,930\*. This TPI ranked 25th in the state and accounted for 0.8 percent of the state total. In 1989 the TPI of Benton was \$349,135\* and ranked 26th in the state. The 1999 TPI reflected an increase of 1.2 percent from 1998. The 1998-1999 state change was 2.2 percent and the national change was 5.1 percent. The 1989-1999 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.8 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

#### **COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Benton. In 1999 net earnings accounted for 66.0 percent of TPI (compared with 65.7 in 1989); dividends, interest, and rent were 20.6 percent (compared with 21.1 in 1989); and personal current transfer receipts were 13.3 percent (compared with 13.2 in 1989). From 1998 to 1999 net earnings increased 3.0 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 4.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 2.6 percent. From 1989 to 1999 net earnings increased on average 5.4 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.5 percent.

#### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in Benton decreased from \$213,902\* in 1998 to \$210,568\* in 1999, a decrease of 1.6 percent. The 1998-1999 state change was 3.7 percent and the national change was 6.8 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1989 estimate of \$153,503\* to the 1999 estimate was 3.2 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.0 percent and for the nation was 5.6 percent.

*\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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